

HB 852 -- Ignition Interlock Devices for Intoxication-Related  
Traffic Offenses

Sponsor: Hinson

This bill specifies that a court must require any person who is found guilty of or pleads guilty to a first or subsequent intoxication-related traffic offense to not operate any motor vehicle unless that vehicle is equipped with a functioning, certified ignition interlock device for a period of not less than six months from the date of reinstatement of the person's driver's license. Any court authorized to grant a limited driving privilege to any person who is found guilty of or pleads guilty to a first or subsequent intoxication-related traffic offense must require the use of an ignition interlock device on all vehicles operated by the person as a required condition of the limited driving privilege.

The bill requires any person who had a license to operate a motor vehicle revoked or suspended due to an assessment of points for specified alcohol-related violations to file proof with the Director of the Department of Revenue that any motor vehicle operated by that person is equipped with a functioning, certified ignition interlock device as a required condition of reinstatement of the license.

Currently, the requirement of the installation of an ignition interlock device only applies to a person with one or more prior alcohol-related enforcement contacts.

The bill becomes effective October 1, 2013.